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One That Got Away



— "Soccer News" Photo.

HARRY ASHWORTH takes a flying dive in a desperate but fruitless attempt to stop a shot from Box Hill at Como Park.

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



This week sees the second round of the Dockerty Cup, in which 32 clubs from all divisions do battle for the honour of entering the third round. Gone from the competition is the old timer Prahran, which bit the dust on Olympic Park against J.U.S.T. last week. This game which had the crowd on tip-toes most of the afternoon, was marred by one of the silliest incidents seen this year. With a lead of two goals, three J.U.S.T. players began a dispute with the referee. He, unable to break off the discussion, ordered them from the field. The fact that J.U.S.T. scored another goal with only eight players speaks volumes for the strength of this side, but the exhibition of temperament by some of its players leaves a lot to be desired.

In the same class we may put several members of the Italian side in the World Cup game on Sunday. Disputing a goal against them these irresponsibles left the field, making it impossible for the rest of the team to continue. In face of one of the largest crowds ever seen at Olympic Park this childish outburst of temper was most regrettable.

Gone from the Dockerty Cup also is A.P.M. Maryvale (from the Latrobe Valley League). Frankston was just a little too good for A.P.M. at home.

Last week also saw the finals of several Junior Cups. In the Under 19 group Brighton took the Junior Cup after reaching the final three years running. This time it defeated South Melbourne United. Brighton also won the Miller Cup for Under 17 competition, but was beaten by Sunshine United for the Liston Cup (Under 15). Coburg defeated Sandringham City in the Blue Riband Cup (Under 14).

Last Sunday at Olympic Park the Victorian State (Under 19) team defeated the combined Australian Universities team 2 goal to nil. The boys acquitted themselves well against a much bigger and older team. Today these lads have their State's honour in their keeping, for they are to play South Australia (Under 19) at Olympic Park at 1.15 p.m.

The three postponed Second Division games which were played last Saturday finalises that Division, so that J.U.S.T. and Juventus are in line for promotion to Division 1 and Fifers and University must go down to Division 3.

In our number 5 issue of April 29 last year, we had a picture of Moorabbin City which included Hal Symons of that club. Hal has been in the Korean fighting and was wounded in action. Last week he met up with "Home and Away" Benson at Heidelberg Hospital. Moorabbinites will hope with us that Hal will be in trim for next season.

Down Laverton way with R.A.A.F. one or two well-known Under 19's are meeting up with each other and also a few interstate enthusiasts on the soccer ground. Numbered among the latter is young Barry Southorn whose father was, until recently, secretary of Northern Tasmania S.F.A. His elder brother also represented Tasmania in the Southern States' Carnival in Adelaide a few years ago. We hear that Barry has signed for Brighton's Under 19's for the duration — subject, of course, to the exigencies of the service. That sounds familiar.

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The Skolnik Cup

at Olympic Park, 1.15 p.m.

By V. J. M. DIXON

From the wilds of South Australia comes this week Jack Linquist and his band of South Australian Under 19's. We hope they have brought with them the Skolnik Cup, for the Victorian lads have sworn to avenge last year's defeat in Adelaide. They consider that the chances of the Cup returning on the Overland are very slender. Jack, however, assures us that his team is a strong one, and will give a good account of itself. Captained as it is by Max Huffa, who has played on this side for three years, we are inclined to agree with him, but just the same Victorians may have a few surprises for the visitors. Having seen the Victorian side in action against Moreland Reserves and other senior sides, including the combined Universities team, my personal opinion is that the team is one of the strongest for years. What is more, it has had an intelligent handling by coach Jock McCarthy.

The Victorian defence is particularly strong, and plays with complete understanding between halves and full-backs who also have that comfortable feeling that comes to a defence when it knows it has a goalie behind it that it can have confidence in, for Allan Jarman between the sticks in undoubtedly a "find."

The forward line also has a lot of sting in it, and given half an opportunity will run up a tally of goals.

So while wishing our visitors a pleasant trip and a good game we do sincerely hope that once more the Skolnik Cup will come to rest in Victoria.

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Pen Portraits of Victorians

Jarman (Preston) Goal. Local boy. Very safe custodian. Knows when to run out and when to stay in.

(1) **Schofield** (Brighton) Right-back. Born in England. One of Brighton's best finds for years. Never gets flurried no matter how he is pressed.

(2) **Gabel** (Brighton) Left-back. Born in Yugoslavia. Sure tackle and quick to recover when beaten.

(3) **Traynor** (Capt.) (Box Hill) Right-half. Born in Scotland. Now captains Box Hill (Under 17). Constructive half-back.

(4) **Dixon** (Vice-Capt.) (Brighton). Centre-half. Born in Western Australia. The only player from last year's Victorian team which was defeated by S.A. in Adelaide. Sound "stopper" centre-half and never wastes a ball.

(5) **Peachey**, (Preston) Left-half. Victorian born and hard to beat. Has played in State Junior trials since 14 years of age.

(6) **Boehm** (Brighton) Outside-right. Born in Austria. Has played two years with the Brighton club. Consistent, good scorer.

(7) **Jordan** (Sandringham City) Inside-right. Victorian born. Solid inside man for his size, good worker and maker of opportunities.

(8) **Pepper** (Preston) Centre-forward. Born in England. Very dangerous in front of goal.

(9) **James** (South Melbourne United) Inside-left. Born in Melbourne, has played four years with South Melbourne Juniors. Clever, constructive and fast inside man.

(10) **Worthington** (Moorabbin City) Outside-left. English born. Fast winger with delightful cross.

VICTORIA (Under 19 Years) TEAM

Jarman (Preston)	Gabel (Brighton)
Schofield (Brighton)	Dixon (Vice-Capt.) (Brighton)
Traynor (Capt.) (Box Hill)	Peachey (Preston)
Boehm	Jordan
(Brighton)	Pepper
Reserves: Gribben (Sandringham City), Simpson (South Melbourne United), Horrabin (Preston).	James
	Worthington (Moorabbin City)

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Pen Portraits of South Australians

Max Huffa (Capt.) Brilliant inside-forward, always working, 18 years of age, is a veteran, having played in Melbourne in 1949 and Adelaide in 1950.

Johnny Price (Vice-Capt.) Goalkeeper. Spectacular and safe, 18 years of age, is another "veteran," having also played in 1949 and 1950. (Almost missed the trip because of the National Service Call-up.)

Des Geary. Full-back. No stylist but has what it takes.

Gary Brock. Centre-half. Played in the mid-week game last year, a good solid player.

Roger Burton. Centre-half. A new player, just 18, should develop.

Jack Pudney. Full-back. Played last year; "Big Jack," he is really gentle but an awkward player.

Ron Roberts. Half-back. The baby of the team, 16½ years, gaining experience with every game.

Brian Grindle. Half-back. Almost the baby, he is 16 years 7 months and born in England; is the only member not locally born.

Lionel Francis. Half-back. Good constructive player.

George Dew. Outside-right. Can play either wing. Played in the mid-week game last year.

Doug Carr. Outside-right. Did not play last year but played in Melbourne in 1949.

Max Cameron. Centre-forward. Played outside-right in last year's team.

Kevin Chamberlain. Inside-forward. Has been close to selection previously.

Ron Cook. Inside-forward. Doesn't look like a footballer but is deceptive.

Roy Jamieson. Outside-left. Good winger who should benefit by the trip.

In charge of the team will be: Manager, Jack Lindquist, hon. sec. Junior and Schools' Council S.A.S.F.A. Coach, George Wallace, chairman Junior and Schools' Council S.A.S.F.A. Has coached the S.A. teams since 1947.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Under 19 Years) TEAM

To be chosen from: Goal, Price (vice-capt.); Backs: Geary, Pudney; Half-backs: Brock, Burton, Roberts, Grindle, Francis; Forwards: Huffa (capt.), Dew, Carr, Cameron, Chamberlain, Cook, Jamieson.

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Sunday, August 19.

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SCOTLAND TEAM

Goddard

Bushrod (Fifers)		Orr (South Yarra)
Weymess (Caledonians)	Jack (Capt.) (Brighton)	Laurie (Vice-Capt.) (Footscray City)
Clarke (Park Rangers)	Sharpe (Moreland)	Hunter (S'shine Utd.)
		Ramsay (S'shine Utd.)
		McFeeeters (Box Hill)

Reserves: Neil, McCall, Crane, Meek, McFarlane.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Arrangements—team to gather at top 4 and 5 platform Flinders Street, at 1 p.m., or at ground by 1.30 p.m. for 2 p.m. kick-off. Would reserves please attend to ensure a full team.

Roberts
(Sunshine United)

Doherty (Sunshine United)		Harraden (Sunshine United)
Nelson (Park Rangers)	Bird (Sunshine United)	Drennan (Capt.) (Sunshine United)
Kyle (S'shine U'ted)	Gillis (P. Rangers)	Lott (Brighton)
		Wilson (Park Rangers)
		Bird (S'shine Utd.)

Reserves: Tormey (Coburg), Good (Brighton), Tester (Box Hill), Holder (Park Rangers).

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Soccer "Who's Who"

Conducted by John Hawker

No. 5 — REX BENSON



This is the story of the "Home and Away" bloke, whose weekly page of bright and breezy paragraphs keeps "Soccer News" readers up to date on the sport all over the world.

Rex Benson was born in Adelaide some thirty odd years ago but went to England in infancy and lived in Bristol. From 1931 to 1936 he was at school at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital (the Blue Coat School) and there played two codes of football—Rugby in organised

sport and soccer in the quadrangle "at every spare moment."

After schooldays were over, soccer held Rex's affections and he played first for Georgets Brewery. One of his team mates in this club was none other than Harry Bamford, familiar to all of us now as right-back in the recent English touring team. Later, Rex transferred to Clifton St. Vincent's, a fifty-year-old club with no fewer than four senior sides.

Before the war Rex was a Sergeant-Pilot in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, but reverted to observer and was on the first raids on Berlin in the Battle of Britain.

In February, 1941, he was shot down by a German night intruder and it was in this crash that he sustained the injuries which were later to affect his spine and condemn him to several long periods in hospitals in various parts of the world.

Rex became a Squadron-leader in 1943 and, as a Pathfinder, made sixty-six sorties on "heavies." After the war was over he was sent on what he describes as a "holiday posting" which took him to Italy, Greece and other Mediterranean spots where, to quote him again, he had "bags of enjoyable soccer." However, it was later in 1946 that the crash five years before started to make itself felt and he entered military hospital in Malta. Then home to England, nine months in plaster, and invalided out of the service in 1948.

More travel was to follow and before the end of the year he was back home in Australia where he soon became a student at Mildura branch of the Melbourne University. His health permitted him to play cricket with the Mildura District 1st XI and this lured him into soccer with the Melbourne University team at the beginning of the 1950 season. It couldn't last, unfortunately, and in June of last year hospital doors opened again to admit him, this time with a disease of the spine at Heidelberg (where last year he first met our Editor). For 14 months he has been encased from head to foot in plaster, but recently six inches of shin-bone was put into his spine and he hopes to start to walk in January.

Rex still follows the activities of Bristol Rovers and Queen's Park, and locally University. In between writing "Home and Away" and keeping "Soccer News" fully posted on all important football events overseas, his main hobbies are studying hard for this year's exams and falling for all the good-looking nurses. Incidentally, much of the information about the English tourists which was sent officially to "Soccer News" failed to arrive until after they had been and gone and most of the material used by the Editor came to him from Rex. It is fortunate for us that Rex became interested in the journalistic side of the game when he wrote club notes for University last year.



REX BENSON

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Why Not a Victoria v. Queensland Game?

From Len Todd, Editor "Soccer News," Queensland.

Victoria are making no bones about their claims to be considered the second Soccer State in the Commonwealth. They claim that their standard is higher than ours and second only to N.S.W.

I cannot agree with them. We defeated N.S.W. last year, and I maintain that until Victoria do likewise, they must refrain from claiming supremacy over us. There is only one other way to settle this matter. Queensland should meet Victoria, and the winner could then meet N.S.W. for the British Football Association Trophy, now held by N.S.W.

We'll Be In That!

Queensland will not find Victoria backward in accepting such a challenge once it is received officially. For years Vic. has advocated Interstate games, but would prefer an All-States Carnival to an elimination over probably two seasons before playing N.S.W. Send along your challenge, however, Queensland.

—V. T. M. DIXON.

Soccer "Who's Who" (Continued from Page 7)

Rex hopes that when he is fit again he will be able to give time to the coaching of juniors which, he says, is the duty of every player when he hangs up his boots for good.

Despite his handicap, Rex couldn't miss the M.C.G. game — not with his old friend Harry Bamford in the team. So there he was in a hospital bed — and if you wondered then who it was, now you know!

And just in case you think this might be the story of a down-hearted bloke, take a look at the accompanying photo which usually adorns the "Home and Away" page. That's Rex Benson, hiding behind the grin in the top corner.



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Secretary's Notes



Slavia Soccer Club.—Please note that Mr. Severiny has resigned as secretary and all correspondence should now be addressed to F. Bansel, 147 Park Street, South Melbourne.

Olympic Park.—At Olympic Park on Saturday, August 11, spectators witnessed two players being cautioned and three players ordered off the field. It is not for me at this stage to pass comment on the above as this will be dealt with by committees appointed for that purpose, but I will say that the referee was very firm and it is high time players realise that the referee is in sole command. The referee is a neutral man always and his rulings must be accepted. Players will not be allowed to dictate to this Association and should go on to the field for one purpose, and that is to play the game.

Club Colours.—All clubs are warned that club colours which have been registered must be worn each week unless the colours clash with their opponents. Permission must be sought from the Association before colours can be changed.

Maccabi Club.—The new secretary of the Maccabi Club is Mr. M. Novak, 41 Melville Road, Pascoe Vale South. Phone (business hours), FL 2182.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Owing to the fact that many clubs are seriously in arrears with payments for "Soccer News," we must ask all clubs to forward payments right up to date within seven days so that "Soccer News" can meet its own commitments.—H. V. ROSE, Hon. Treasurer, "Soccer News."

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Clubs knocked out of the Dockerty Cup this week and require "Soccer News" will kindly notify Mr. H. V. Rose, 12 Fisher Street, East Malvern, by first post on Monday morning. Next Saturday's edition will be the last one sent to clubs this season, but will be sent to metropolitan clubs playing official games and Latrobe Valley clubs unless Mr. Rose is notified.

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A special edition of "Soccer News" will be printed for the Dockerty Cup final. This number will be lavishly illustrated and will be on sale only at the ground and to Latrobe Valley clubs. Clubs requiring copies sent to them must get their orders in early to Mr. Rose to avoid disappointment. Only a limited number will be printed.

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Readers who have been saving all their copies of "Soccer News" this season may get them tastefully bound into book form by our printers at the end of the season. Copies must be in the hands of Asher & Co., 285 Lennox Street, Richmond, within two weeks of the final number appearing and must be accompanied by a cheque or cash for the sum of 15/-, including tax and return postage.

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GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

By HARRY BAYLEY

And so the 1950/51 League competition has drawn to a close. When the Yallourn Club takes a retrospect of the season's activities and achievements I think it can be proud of its progress. Three outstanding events have occurred during the season of major importance: namely, the club hit the top of the League, it hit the headlines in the daily press, and it certainly hit the deck with the one and only defeat at the hands of Prahran. Tommy Bell was chosen for the Victorian side against the English eleven and several other players were selected for trial.

More people have attended the home games than ever before and greater interest has been shown by the local enthusiasts in the game of soccer. The new Latrobe Valley Association has been formed and should be in good working order for next season. The Reserve team did excellent work by finishing as runner-up in the second division. The Juniors were unfortunately handicapped by the uncertainty of games due to the withdrawals from the League. School boy soccer is very healthy in the district, thanks to T. Evans and T. Oddy, and last but not least our ladies on the social committee have done a marvellous job in providing the welcome refreshments.

Finally our very best thanks are due to the First Aiders, not only for Yallourn, but for all clubs. Of course there are different classes of First Aiders. One such gent. comes to mind readily. He generally acts as manager cum selector cum first aider, etc. He looks very imposing with his kit, but as he expresses it himself he tries everything in the medical kit once, but feels like passing out when a dinkum St. John man comes on the scene. It's a great game this soccer.

Latrobe Valley Association

By D. Antonovich

The second half of the Latrobe Valley competition commences on August 4. Maryvale played at home against Yallourn. The weather was most unkind (rain, wind, etc.), and was very hard on both sides. However, the better side won, i.e., Maryvale. The score was 4-0 (half-time, 1-0). The best players were Maryvale's left-half, centre-half and their goalie.

The next game on the list was to have been Heyfield at home against Morwell. Morwell team failed to turn up.

Following all games the League positions remain the same.



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Club Jottings

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BOX HILL

As University was playing Brighton at Princes Park for the Dockerty Cup, the Reserve team played its Cup-tie at Box Hill. Peter Saunderson was shifted from outside-left to centre-forward and it was soon evident that he was at home in this position. With intelligent passes from Gauci and Jack Holborn he soon had three goals on the board. University was trying hard but was no match for the home team's good, systematic football. Further goals were scored by Denther and Saunderson and at half-time the Hillmen were leading 5-0.

After the interval the Hillmen carried on the good work, further goals coming from Modrack (3), Saunderson, Gauci, Denther and Bob Holborn. If this side can be kept together it will go a long way in the Reserve Cup. It has played the type of game the club has been hoping for from the Senior team but never get. Most unselfish play and intelligent passes finding team-mates were features of the game and as a whole the team adapted itself well to the muddy conditions.

Tom Woods at centre-half was solid in defence, whilst Peter Saunderson had a day out at centre-forward and was well supported by Joe Gauci and Jack Holborn.

Result: Box Hill 12, University 0. Best players, Box Hill: Saunderson, Woods, J. Holborn, Gauci and Denther. —A. JARVIS.

BRIGHTON

The game last week at Princes Park against the University in the first round of the Dockerty Cup was a tale of missed opportunities. Although seven goals were scored by Brighton, twice as many were missed. The game today against South Yarra should be a good one and it will not be the first time the clubs have met in the Cup with honours about even.

Heartiest congratulations to the Under 19 years and Under 17 on winning the Junior and Miller Cups respectively. These two teams have had a good season and with its Junior talent Brighton should be a force in senior and junior football for years to come. To the manager of the Under 19 years, Mr. Young, congratulations on the success of his team. He is reaping his reward in the game he loves, and I suppose there was no prouder man last week. Nice work Bill. To the Under 15 years, bad luck boys in going down by one goal to Sunshine United in the final, but I know your congratulations go to the United. May I repeat my best wishes to the manager of that team, Mr. J. Martin.

Supporters and players are asked to keep September 1 free for the amateur night in the Scout Hall. This promises to be the night of the season. Everybody is pleased that Mr. Walker is back home again after his sojourn in hospital. Hurry up, Mr. Walker, we all miss you on the line. —ALEX MAC.

FIFERS

Well, it was certainly mixed luck last Saturday. The seniors played two men short but managed a very fine 2-1 win against South Melbourne. Every man must have thought it was up to him to play in two positions at once, with the result there were no gaps and the home team must have wondered who they were supposed to mark. A quick goal by Bobby Knox seemed to put extra life into our boys and Bill Bushrod made certain with a beauty before half-time. The Reserves, in their Cup game, were also short-handed but elected to play rather than give the tie away. Hopes of a Cup final have gone for another year. Good luck to the Calies.

A welcome today to Sunshine City. Its first visit to National Park is looked forward to and a hard, clean game and may the best team reach the Final.

Heartiest congratulations to Isabel and Harry on the occasion of their "Happy Event."

Although the Rife Club hut was recently burnt out, we're still going ahead with the social, so please watch for the article giving change of venue.

FRANKSTON

Since last report, social matches with Moorabbin City and Naval Depot have been won by Frankston, the respective scores being 7-4 and 5-2. L. Wilkes actually scored from the spot. On August 11 Frankston was victor over Maryvale A.P.M. for the Dockerty Cup by 3-2. P. Ims, C. Davenport and P. Morgan were Frankston's goal kickers. The playing area was too wet for good football. Remember September 21 for the end-of-the-season fancy dress ball. Contact P. Morgan, 7 James Street, Frankston, for tickets (7/6 single, 12/6 double). —P. Ims.

MOORABBIN CITY

Last week the club had a pleasurable day's outing on the home ground of another new soccer club. Rosebud and District has an ideal setting in beautiful surroundings. The playing area is a "billiard-table ground" and its first-class dressing-rooms have hot and cold water. The club seemingly has a set-up in men, ladies willing to help and players able to take a beating without a grumble, that will develop a good soccer unit. Moorabbin wish you the best success. Thanks a lot. —FRANK McIVOR.

PRESTON

Another season is drawing to a close and Preston wishes to congratulate J.U.S.T. and Juventus on their promotion and wish them the best of luck in the First Division. To all others who have gained promotion, we wish you well, and to all those who have been relegated, remember, "It's not how you won or lost, but how you played the game." It is the game that counts, so make up your minds to be a team to be reckoned with next season. There continues to keep competition at Preston. The Reserve team is going to prove top dogs and has challenged the First team.

It is rumoured that the band for our dance is Ben Johnson's and his Penalty Spots, so order your tickets today; you may miss out on the best ever. —V. HAYES.

SOUTH YARRA

South Yarra was defeated by Yallourn at Fawkner Park, 2-1, after a hard fought game.

Yarra won the toss and elected to kick with the strong wind which proved to be a deciding factor in the game. Yallourn attacked and was unlucky not to score when a strong shot hit the cross-bar, with Larkin completely beaten. Miller cleared and the same player, three times in as many minutes, cleared the ball from an open goal when Yallourn broke through. Yarra defence weathered the storm and then it was Yarra's turn to do the pressing. Yallourn was hard pressed from then on until half-time. Only their doughty defence saved them. Half-time — Yarra 0, Yallourn 0. Five minutes after resumption, Campbell made a great run with the ball down the wing, finishing with a grand shot which put Yallourn in the lead. From a free kick awarded a few minutes later, Rowe made no mistake and Yallourn went to two ahead. T. Sharp rallied Yarra and it was South Yarra's game until the end, with Yallourn's defence kicking anywhere. Hirst, with clever footwork, beat three opponents and then got Yarra's first goal.

Yarra Reserves were beaten 3-1 at Yallourn after leading 1-0 at half-time. Naylor scored Yarra's goal.

Yarra Thirds won at Fawkner Park, 10-3 against Olympic. Good work boys; keep it up.

Once again the referee failed to officiate and the clubs' thanks go to Mr. Morris, who deputised. Now that the League fixtures are over, both First and Seconds are training hard for the Cup rounds. It won't be the fault of the lads from South Yarra if once again the Cups repose at the South Yarra Club for the year 1951. Good hunting boys. Go to it and prove your worth. —W. E. BINYON.

Junior Section

THE UNDER 19 YEARS TRIAL

The Under 19 years met a selected team from University, Sydney, last Sunday and won 2 goals to 1. But as the Sydney boys were travelling all night and hadn't much rest, it wasn't a bad performance on their part. The Under 19 years will play South Australia on Saturday at Olympic Park at 1.15 sharp for the Skolnik Cup. This will be a curtain raiser to the main game, so patrons of soccer, turn up and give these lads a rousing welcome. —J. McCARTHY.

BLUE RIBAND CUP

Winning the toss, Sandringham elected to kick against the wind in the first half. Coburg couldn't make use of the wind. Many chances were frittered away but Sandringham's defence was solid. Half-time score was nil all. After the resumption, Sandringham was similarly troubled with the wind. Coburg and Coburg's defence remained firm. From a breakaway by Huckvale and Cross, Robinson scored for Coburg. Coburg's goal had two narrow shaves by shots from Sandy's outside-right. From a corner by Laird, Sargent equalised. At full-time it was one goal each. Ten minutes each way extra time was played. Again Coburg couldn't make use of the wind in the first half. In the second half, from a pass by Adam, Huckvale made a solo run and scored the winning goal of a very good and sporting game. It was unfortunate that Sandringham should have been beaten after playing such a good game. It was a very even contest and Coburg got the break that counted. Many thanks to Sandringham for its sporting congratulations, and to the referee, Mr. Simonovitch. —W. ADAM.

This Will Help

(By courtesy of "Soccer News," Queensland)

For the benefit of those Juniors who are new to the rules of soccer, we append herewith diagrams and explanatory notes regarding some of the main points.

The basic factors relating to the scoring of a goal are:

- The whole of the ball must pass over the goal line, between the posts and under the cross-bar. (See diagram 1.)
- The ball must not be thrown, carried, or propelled by hand or arm of a player of the attacking side. This includes a throw in from the touch line.

FREE KICKS

Free kicks can be divided into three groups:—

- Kicks for starting the game, or restarting it when the ball goes out of play (in case of touch, the ball is thrown in).
- Free kicks for technical offences, i.e., where regulations concerning the method of play are broken.
- Free kicks for "Penal" offences, i.e., where intentional acts are committed contravening the spirit of the game, or likely to cause injury to an opponent.

Kicks used for (1) and free kicks awarded for (2) are Indirect Free Kicks from which a goal cannot be scored direct. The exception is the Corner Kick from which a goal can be scored direct.

Free Kicks awarded for (3) are direct Free Kicks from which a goal can be scored direct. If the offence is committed in the penalty area by the defending side, a penalty kick is awarded.

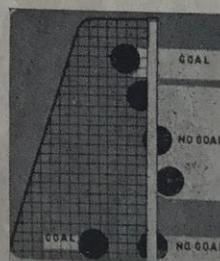


Diagram 1

THE PENALTY KICK

The Penalty Kick is taken from the penalty spot, 12 yards from the mid-point of the goal line between the goal posts. When the Penalty Kick is being taken, all players other than the goalkeeper and the player taking the kick must be:-

- (a) On the field of play.
- (b) Outside the Penalty area.
- (c) At least 10 yards from the ball until the kick has been taken.
- (d) The goalkeeper must stand (without moving his feet) on his goal line between the goal posts until the ball has been kicked by the player taking the penalty.

INDIRECT FREE KICKS

Indirect Free Kicks are awarded for any of the following:-

- (a) Free kick for infringement of the offside law.
- (b) Against the goalkeeper for carrying the ball more than four paces without bouncing it on the ground.
- (c) Against an attacker charging the goalkeeper fairly, inside the goal area when the latter is not holding the ball, or obstructing an opponent.
- (d) Against a player for playing the ball a second time when taking any form of Free Kick provided the game is suspended whilst the ball is still in play.
- (e) Against a player for dangerous play, e.g., attempting to kick the ball when held by the goalkeeper.
- (f) Against a player for ungentlemanly conduct which includes:-

 - (1) Persistent infringement of the law.
 - (2) Showing by word or action dissent from the decisions of the referee.

DIRECT FREE KICKS

Direct free kicks are awarded for the following penal offences when committed intentionally.

(1) Handling the ball; (2) Holding opponent; (3) Striking opponent; (4) Pushing opponent; (5) Tripping opponent; (6) Kicking opponent; (7) Jumping at opponent; (8) Charging opponent violently; (9) Charging opponent from behind.

A penalty kick is awarded if any of the above penal offences is committed intentionally by a defending player in the penalty area.

OFFSIDE

A player is offside if he is nearer his opponent's goal line than the ball at the moment the ball is played: Unless:

- (a) He is in his own half of the field of play.
- (b) There are two of his opponents NEARER to their own goal line than he is.
- (c) The ball last touched an opponent or was played by him.
- (d) He received the ball direct from a goal kick, a corner kick, a throw in, or when it is dropped by the referee.

N.B.: A player in an offside position shall not be penalised unless, in the opinion of the referee, he is interfering with the play or with an opponent, or is seeking to gain an advantage by being in an offside position.

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Diagram 2

goal or touch line in the air or on the ground. The outside edge of the lines represent the thread of limit to the field of play. (See diagram 3.)



Diagram 3

THE THROW IN

When the ball is deemed to have passed over the touch line, it shall be thrown in from the point where it crossed the line.

Points relating to the "Throw In":

- (a) The "throw in" is taken by a player of the opposing team to that of the player who last touched it before it passed over the touch line.
- (b) At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower must face the field of play.
- (c) At the moment of delivering the ball part of each foot shall be either on or outside the touch line.
- (d) The thrower must use both hands. (See diagrams 4 and 5.)
- (e) The thrower must deliver the ball from over his head. (See diagram 6.)
- (f) If the ball is improperly "thrown in," the "throw in" is taken by a player of the opposing team.

Correct
Diagram 4Incorrect
Diagram 5

Diagram 6

HANDLING

A player has "handled" the ball if he has intentionally carried, struck or propelled it with his hand or arm. (See diagram 2.)

N.B.: It may be impossible for a player to avoid handling the ball, having no time to withdraw his hand or arm before the ball strikes him. Even though the player may thus gain advantage, because of the ball being directed along a different path. If it was not intentional the referee should not penalise it.

BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

The dimensional lines marked on the ground are within the field of play. The ball is out of play only when it has WHOLLY crossed the goal or touch line in the air or on the ground. The outside edge of the lines represent the thread of limit to the field of play. (See diagram 3.)

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 11, 1951

First Division

No matches played 11/8/51. League table as 4/8/51.

Second Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	18	16	1	1	73	16	33
Juventus	18	11	2	5	65	18	27
Hakoah J.R.C.	18	11	5	2	57	35	24
Moreland	18	7	5	6	36	39	20
F.N.D.	18	7	8	3	44	54	17

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
George Cross	18	6	9	3	41	51	15
South Melbourne	18	6	9	3	44	56	15
Preston	18	3	9	6	29	60	12
Fifers	18	4	11	3	37	55	11
University	18	2	14	2	25	65	6

Second Division table is now complete. J.U.S.T. and Juventus promoted to the First Division, Season 1952. Fifers and University relegated to Third Division, Season 1952.

S. BEATON, Sec. V.A.S.F.A.

Reserve Tables

First Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Park Rangers	18	13	3	2	71	24	28
Yallourn	18	12	4	2	59	27	26
South Yarra	18	9	3	6	47	26	24
Brighton	18	10	6	2	45	49	22
Prahran	18	9	7	2	56	36	20
Sunshine United	18	9	8	1	54	37	19
Box Hill	18	7	10	1	46	46	15
Sandringham City	18	4	12	2	16	63	10
Footscray City	18	4	11	3	27	56	9
Sunshine City	18	2	15	1	19	76	5

Second Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Juventus	16	14	2	0	57	13	28
Hakoah J.R.C.	17	13	2	2	47	11	28
Moreland	18	12	5	1	49	22	25
F.N.D.	15	7	5	3	33	37	17
Preston	18	6	8	4	26	24	16
J.U.S.T.	18	7	11	0	37	25	14
George Cross	17	6	10	1	27	36	13
University	17	5	9	3	29	52	13
Fifers	16	4	10	2	23	67	10
South Melbourne	18	3	15	0	24	65	6

Third Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Polonia	18	15	3	0	89	21	30
Park Rangers	18	13	1	4	58	27	30
South Yarra	17	13	2	2	82	40	28
R.A.A.F.	17	12	3	2	67	42	26

First Division Reserve League fixtures have been completed, and Park Rangers are to be congratulated on winning this section.

The following Second Division Reserve fixtures are postponed games and will be played if time permits, or if the result of any game has a direct bearing on the winning of the League championship. Clubs will be advised as to dates when these games are to be played:—

Juventus v. F.N.D.
Juventus v. Hakoah J.R.C.
F.N.D. v. George Cross.
F.N.D. v. Fifers.

The following Third Division Reserve fixtures are postponed games, and will be played if time permits:—

Royal Caledonians v. Williamstown.
Williamstown v. South Yarra.

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